The December 2\textsuperscript{nd}, 2019 meeting was postponed due to inclement weather. The Conservation Commission met on December 9\textsuperscript{th}, 2019 at 6pm with all members and alternates attending. The Chair opened the meeting asking for any comments or corrections on the November meetings. Corrections were submitted and all were in favor of accepting the minutes.

Chair Robinson updated the group on the LCHIP grant for the Pearl property. Ms. Robinson attended the awards meeting at the State House with J.T. Horn to accept the LCHIP grant that was awarded to the project. The Pearl project was the third largest grant awarded. The monies that were awarded were slightly less than what was asked for so the vote to increase our portion from $60,000 to $90,000 will offset the difference. JT Horn and The Trust for Public Lands will now complete the application for the NRCS portion of the project. Ms. Robinson will draft the warrant article for expending the funds from the Commission’s CRP funds. This will then go up for vote at the Town Meeting in March.

Chair Robinson than presented to the group the brochures for the Trails Committee that Martha Butterfield designed. The tri-fold brochures for both the Lovejoy Trails and the Batchelder Trails copied at Staples and 250 each were ordered. The Chair asked that the Trails Committee distribute them carefully since the cost to produce the brochures was high. The Committee discussed where to put the brochures and it was decided that they would be placed in the Town Office to begin with and then the Library. The Trails Committee has seen a lot of activity and excitement towards the Lovejoy Trails. They have been working on getting the word out on different media sources to let people know about the trails in Loudon and reminded people that we also have another completed trail they might like to try. There was a disgruntled neighbor adjacent to the Lovejoy Trails that was not pleased with not being informed about the trail system being built. Ms. Butterfield reached out to the neighbor to answer any questions they might have. This brought up the issue that when the Trails Committee is beginning a new trail system, as a courtesy, the Committee will reach out to the neighbors to let them know about the work and when it will begin. This began a discussion on why it is important to work on properties that are under easement and are open to the public. It is important to exclude private lands whenever possible. Private lands can change ownership or the current owner could change their mind about having the trail on their property and close it down. The Trails Committee will look at other trails in Loudon and come to the Commission with their next project.

Sandy Sims was asked to give an update on the monitoring effort. The monitoring has been going well and Ms. Sims and Ms. Touzin recently monitored the Merrill Property. Parcels were given to others in the Commission and they too are working hard to complete the monitoring before the end of the year. Once the monitoring is completed, the monitoring reports will be completed and sent to the LCIP and NRCS. Chair Robinson thanked everyone for their efforts on monitoring.

Tony Merullo and his clients Andy and Erica Gray met with the Commission to discuss a potential development on a 40+/- acre parcel on Route 129. The Grays have purchased the property and are going to build a house on the property. The plans that were presented showed encroachments to the wetland buffer. Mr. Merullo was asking if the Commission could schedule a site walk to the property to discuss the encroachment. Chair Robinson asked if they had been to the Zoning Board (and possible the Planning Board). Mr Merullo indicated that they had not. Ms. Robinson then explained to Mr. Merullo
and the Grays that usually the Town Boards are approached first and then the Commission is asked for their comments. Ms. Robinson suggested that they get on the schedule for the Boards they need to attend and then we will schedule a site walk with all interested parties at one time. After some discussion they agreed and will let us know when they are on the schedule.

Next the Commission met with Craig Tufts from Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission about developing a Natural Resource Inventory for Loudon. Mr. Tufts explained how NHRPC could be helpful to us and what other resources we could use to get the project done. To begin, Mr. Tufts will send examples to the Chair of a small, medium and large NRI. These will be NRI’s that other towns have already finished and will allow the Commission to decide how detailed we want our NRI to be. Once Mr. Tufts sends the information to the Chair, Ms. Robinson will distribute to the rest of the Commission. The members are asked to look over the three Natural Resource Inventories that they receive and indicate which sections are most important to them. Then the Commission will compare the results and come up with a strategy. Ms. Aubert will then coordinate our efforts and take the lead on this project. Because the Commission is relatively small, we will not create a subcommittee, but instead work as a whole to complete this project following Ms. Aubert’s leadership. The Commission is excited to begin this project and once finished, it will be a wonderful resource for the work that the Commission does.

Ms. Touzin indicated that the property held by the town on Route 129 has been severely impacted by trash from neighboring residences. The property is Map 24 Lot 8 and is 50 acres of land. The property was obtained by the town in 1997 and has had a chronic problem with dumping for many years. Ms. Robinson indicated that she would approach the Town’s Code Enforcement and ask for their assistance in the matter.

The Chair wanted to thank all the members of the Commission for their dedication and hard work over the last year. This past year the Commission has grown allowing us to be more beneficial to the town and the natural resources we work to protect.